



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 13th November 2020



Dear Parents,

I am writing this with one eye on the playground where I can see the children happily playing out in their class bubble and I am so grateful that schools are allowed to stay open amidst this latest national lockdown. It is vital for the children's development and mental wellbeing that we do – so pray that it does not change. The staff and I are working very hard to keep everything as normal as possible for the children despite all the restrictions and measures we have to put in place. We review our risk assessment daily and the latest Covid guidance for parents is on the school website under News and Events in the Coronavirus updates section.

You will have all received your child's progress report via Parentmail this week and your child's class teacher will contact you to offer a zoom meeting or telephone call to discuss it. Unfortunately we cannot offer the usual parents' evening in school at this time.

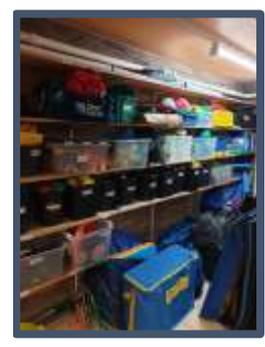
Year 6 recorded a Remembrance Assembly for us last Friday and it is available to watch on our Facebook page and on our school website. Hopefully this time next year we can invite you all into school for our usual beautiful and moving Remembrance Assembly, with guests from the Royal British Legion.

Stay safe and take care.

New Classroom furniture and other resources

We have been very fortunate to have been given new desks and interactive screens (amongst many other things!) for all our classrooms from our school in London. Staff worked really hard over the half-term break to transport these to school and set them up ready for the return of the children. Here are some photos. We think you will agree that school is looking very smart. There are more photos available to look at on our website on the News and Events section in the photo gallery.

Thank you to anyone who bought our old desks and tables – we raised £690 for PTA funds.



English Updates

Reading with your children

Mrs Haasbroek has recorded a workshop for KS2 parents to help you with reading at home. We would normally offer it as a workshop in school but have changed our approach this year so you can benefit from it in your armchair! We emailed out the links to KS2 parents and the links are also available on the website under the Curriculum tab and in the reading section.

Non-Fiction November-

This month, we are celebrating Non-Fiction November. The theme this year is, 'The Planet We Share'. Children will be reading books about our planet, conservation and finding out ways we can help to protect the earth from the damaging effects of global warming.

ISA Writing competitions-

Children from years one to six will be taking part in two writing competitions this term: a comic strip and poetry competition. During their lessons, they will be writing poems with the title, 'Everything All At Once' and creating comic strips relating to Global Warming.

A winner will be chosen from each class and those entries will be sent to ISA to enter a nationwide competition.

Miss Grillo and Miss Earnshaw will shortly be doing the same for Reception and KS1 so watch out for the email about that.

Antibullying Week 16-22 November

National Antibullying week starts on the 16th November. The theme this year is United Against Bullying. We will mark the start of the week by all wearing odd socks to school on the 16th – this is to emphasise that we are all different, unique and special, and we should respect and tolerate that in others. The children will all have lessons about bullying in PSHE that week and may come home talking about it. Our current Antibullying Policy is available to read on the school website.

ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



New Addition to the Park Hill Family

Ella in Pre-school has a new baby brother, Will John. She is being a super big sister! We offer our Congratulations to the Jenkins Family and we welcome Will into the Park Hill family.



Covid Safety Measures

We respectfully request that parents keep their child with them at all times on the school grounds. Children should not be running around (with other children) on the grass, playground or car park while parents stand chatting. We have to enforce our risk assessment to ensure the safety of staff and pupils in schools. We request that you remain in your car until it is time for your child's bubble to start. We also request social distancing of all adults on school grounds. We really appreciate your support and cooperation with this.

Parentmail

We send at the very least one email per week via the Parentmail system. If you are not receiving Parentmails then please contact the office as this is our main form of communication at the moment and it is vital that we have the correct details for you. We send Parentmails to the email addresses provided on the most up to date Contact Details form. Pupil Progress reports have been sent out on Monday using this system so if you have not received your child's report, then please contact the office as we may not have your most current contact details. There are some 20-21 contact details forms outstanding and we would be very grateful if you could send them back a.s.a.p. We can send Parentmails to more than one email address for you or to both parents so just let us know.

Fundraising

It has been a struggle so far this year to do any fundraising whether that be for school funds or for the charities which we normally support. We can however go ahead with our usual wonderful Christmas Raffle. We would be very grateful if you could donate a prize for the raffle – anything associated with the Christmas Festive Season would be much appreciated. Mrs Forbes will then work her magic, putting fabulous hampers together. Raffle tickets will be sent home later and we ask that the children sell them to parents, grandparents, friends etc. The draw will take place in the last week of term and prizes sent home with the children before we break up for the holidays. Thank you.



Food Bank - We are still collecting for the Food Bank in Burnley and they would appreciate donations such as Tin Veg, Fruit, Pasta Sauces and Nappies and wipes etc. Thank you for your continued support.

